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# BOROUGH OF RYE



# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

## Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1970

by

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors  
of the Borough of Rye.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the  
year 1970.

The statistics reveal that the health of the Borough  
compares favourably with the rest of England and Wales.

I am obliged to the Town Clerk and members of his staff  
for their assistance in supplying statistics relating to  
housing and other social services and the Chief Public Health  
Inspector for those figures relevant to his duties.

I am grateful to the Chairman and Members of the Health  
Committee for their interest and support, and am also obliged  
to the Town Clerk and other Chief Officers for their courtesy  
and co-operation at all times.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. K. BUTTERFIELD.

Medical Officer of Health.

The Watch Oak,

BATTLE,

Sussex.

Telephone: Battle 2214.





B O R O U G H   O F   R Y EPUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

(constitution as at 31st December, 1970)

Chairman:

Alderman M. W. BEEVERS

Vice-Chairman:

Councillor G. E. FERRARI

The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor MRS. E. PHILPOTT

Councillor MRS. B. COPE

Councillor W. S. MACER

Councillor H. J. T. EVEREST

Councillor C. R. PREBBLE

Alderman G. SCOTCHER

S T A F F

Medical Officer of Health:

M. I. SILVERTON, O.B.E., O.St.J., T.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.,  
F.R.S.H.(also Medical Officer of Health to the Rural District of Battle  
and School Medical Officer to East Sussex County Council)Chief Public Health Inspector  
Surveyor and Town Planning Officer:

R. J. CONNOLLY, M.I.P.H.E., C.R.S.I.

The staff of the Battle Rural District  
Public Health Department carried out all the clerical  
work for the Medical Officer of HealthSTATISTICS RELATING TO THE BOROUGH OF RYE

Area of the Borough in acres (estimated) .. .. .	1,027
Population (Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys Estimate for Mid-Year) .. .. .	4,570

Analyses of Rateable Values

	<u>1st April, 1970</u>	<u>1st April, 1971</u>
Domestic Properties ..	£121,166 58.55%	£123,885 58.42%
Commercial Properties	£ 44,132 21.33%	£ 46,085 21.74%
Industrial Properties	£ 12,635 6.10%	£ 11,760 5.55%
Other Properties ..	£ 29,011 14.02%	£ 30,291 14.29%
	<u>£206,944 100.00%</u>	<u>£212,021 100.00%</u>
Product of one (old) penny rate .. .. .	£826	Product of one (new) penny rate £2,025
Number of rateable properties as at 1st April	2,421	Number of rateable properties as at 1st April 2,456





VITAL STATISTICS  
Mothers and Infants

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Stillbirths</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	24	22	46
Illegitimate	4	2	6
	<u>28</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>52</u>

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	0	0
Illegitimate	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

	<u>BOROUGH OF RYE</u>	<u>ENGLAND AND WALES</u>
<u>Illegitimate Live Births</u> (per cent of total live births) .. .. .	12	8
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population ..	11.4	16.0
Standardised Birth Rate .. .. .	13.5	16.0
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths .. .. .	Nil	13
<u>Total Live and Stillbirths</u> .. .. .	52	794,823
<u>Infant Deaths</u> (deaths under one year) ..	1	14,269
<u>Infant Mortality Rates</u>		
Total infant deaths per 1,000 live births .. .. .	19	18
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births .. .. .	22	17
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births ..	Nil	26
<u>Neo-natal Mortality Rate</u> (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) ..	19	12
<u>Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate</u> (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	19	11
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u> (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths .. .. .	19	23
<u>Maternal Mortality</u> (including abortion)		
Number of deaths .. .. .	Nil	294
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths .. .. .	0.00	0.37

Deaths

<u>Borough of Rye</u>					<u>England and Wales</u>		
Male..	..	..	..	33)	Male..	..	.. 293,065)
				) 64			) 575,2
Female	..	..	..	31)	Female	..	.. 282,148)
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)				14.0			11.7
Standardised death rate				11.8			11.7

The standardised Birth and Death Rates pay due regard to the increased proportion of aged and retired persons within the Borough as compared with England and Wales, and this is reflected in the increased number of deaths and the comparatively low number of births.

Equalisation is achieved by using a comparability factor which is provided annually by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys.



DETAILED CAUSES OF DEATH

	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 1 Year	1-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and over
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Mental Disorders	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Hypertensive Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	8
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Asthma	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other External Causes	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTALS	M	33	1	-	-	-	2	1	7	22
	F	31	-	1	-	-	-	3	2	25





MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH

	1968	1969	1970
(i) Diseases of the heart and circulatory system (coronary disease)	8 (11.6%) 12 (17.4%)	6 (10.5%) 13 (22.8%)	11 (17.2%) 19 (29.7%)
(ii) Vascular lesions of the nervous system	18 (26.09%)	13 (22.8%)	9 (14.1%)
(iii) Malignant neoplasms (Cancer of lung and bronchus) (Cancer all other forms)	3 ( 4.3%) 12 (17.4%)	2 ( 3.5%) 9 (15.8%)	1 ( 1.6%) 10 (15.6%)
(iv) Respiratory diseases (excluding tuberculosis)	6 ( 8.7%)	9 (15.8%)	8 (12.5%)

DEATHS - 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER

	Borough of Rye			Greater London		
	1968	1969	1970	1968	1969	1970
Total deaths	71	57	64	90,287	88,640	86,071
No. of deaths 65 years and over	49	50	47	63,170	61,682	60,671
Percentage of total deaths	69.0	87.7	73.4	69.6	69.6	70.5





SUMMARY OF POPULATION, BIRTHS AND DEATHS WITH RATES, 1959 - 1970

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Population</u>	<u>Total Live Births</u>			<u>Standardised Birth Rate</u>	<u>Birth Rate England &amp; Wales</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>			<u>Standardised Death Rate</u>	<u>Death Rate England &amp; Wales</u>	<u>Natural Variation</u>
		M	F	Total			M	F	Total			
1959	4,470	31	27	58	13.2	16.5	31	33	64	12.3	11.6	- 6
1960	4,480	34	23	57	12.9	17.1	30	28	58	11.1	11.5	- 1
1961	4,420	27	24	51	11.7	17.4	40	31	71	13.8	12.0	- 20
1962	4,360	26	29	55	12.8	18.0	30	26	56	11.0	11.9	- 1
1963	4,370	31	29	60	16.1	18.2	30	30	60	11.5	12.2	---
1964	4,370	28	27	55	14.8	18.4	28	33	61	11.7	11.3	- 6
1965	4,400	33	24	57	15.2	18.1	22	30	52	10.2	11.5	+ 5
1966	4,400	26	40	66	17.7	18.1	31	26	57	10.8	11.7	+ 9
1967	4,400	29	32	61	16.4	17.2	34	29	63	11.8	11.2	- 2
1968	4,240	28	31	59	17.2	16.9	34	35	69	14.2	11.9	- 10
1969	4,470	26	36	62	16.4	16.3	22	35	57	10.8	11.9	+ 5
1970	4,570	28	24	52	13.5	16.0	33	31	64	11.8	11.7	- 12



THE CHRONICALLY SICK AND DISABLED PERSONS ACT, 1970

The underlying purpose is to draw attention to the problems, varying with age and incapacity, of people who are handicapped by chronic sickness and disablement, to express concern that these problems should be more widely known and studied and to urge that when priorities are settled, full weight is given to finding solutions.

A special emphasis is placed on making communal buildings of all types structurally available to this hitherto neglected section of the community.

MORTUARY FACILITIES

Available by arrangement with the Hospital Management Committee at Rye Hospital.

The mortuary at the Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings, is used whenever possible.





TUBERCULOSIS

I am happy to report a reprieve in this area for the Mass Miniature Radiography Service which will continue to function as in the past.

Well publicised periodic visits are made within the Borough including adjacent Local Authority areas.

Mass Miniature Radiography not only discloses early tuberculosis lesions but other abnormal conditions of the heart and lungs which are amenable to treatment.

	Pulmonary cases			Non-pulmonary cases			Total cases (all forms)		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1. Number on Register at 1st January, 1970	14	5	19	4	1	5	18	6	24
2. Cases previously removed and re-notified in 1970	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Primary notifications received in 1970	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
4. Cases moved into the Borough as transfers in 1970	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	14	6	20	4	1	5	18	7	25
5. *Cases removed from Register in 1970	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
6. Number on Register at 31st December, 1970	13	6	19	4	1	5	17	7	24

\*Died 18.8.1970

Administration of T.A.B. Vaccine

All persons intending to travel abroad should be vaccinated against typhoid and paratyphoid fevers. This will normally be done by the individual's own doctor. Dosage varies according to age. For primary immunisation two doses should be given at an interval of 4 to 6 weeks followed by a third dose 6 - 12 months after the second. Reinforcing doses at yearly intervals are advocated where the subject is at continued risk.



COMPARATIVE STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1965 - 1970

1st January - 31st December

					1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Scarlet fever	..	..	..		4	-	3	2	1	1
Measles	..	..	..	..	15	32	32	13	6	16
* Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	3	4	-	2	-	-
* Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	-	1	1	3	-	-
Whooping cough	..	..	..		1	-	-	-	4	2
Opthalmia neonatorum		..	..		-	1	-	-	-	-
Infective jaundice	..	..	..		-	-	-	1	3	2

\* Ceased to be notifiable on 1st October, 1968

SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES DURING 1970

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
Scarlet fever ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Measles .. ..	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	2	8	2	-	16
Whooping cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Infective jaundice	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
TOTALS	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	3	8	2	3	21

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS 1970

	Whooping cough	Infective jaundice	Scarlet fever	Measles	TOTALS
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 2 years	-	-	-	4	4
3 - 4 years	1	-	-	3	4
5 - 9 years	-	-	1	7	8
10 - 44 years	1	2	-	2	5
45 - 64 years	-	-	-	-	-
65 years and over	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	2	1	16	21





PERIOD OF EXCLUSION IN CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

	Usual Incubation period (days)	Interval between onset and appearance of rash (days)	Period of exclusion	
			<u>Patients</u>	<u>Contacts</u> , i.e. the other members of the family or household living together as a family, that is, in one tenement.
SCARLET FEVER AND STREPTOCOCCAL SORE THROAT	1-7	1-2	Re-admit when family doctor permits.	Adult contacts engaged in school meals service excluded until Medical Officer of Health allows return to work. Other contacts, if healthy, need not be excluded.
MEASLES	7-14	3-4	10 days after the appearance of the rash if the child appears well.	Children under 5 years of age who have not had the disease should be excluded for 7 days from the date of the appearance of the rash in the last case in the house. Other contacts can attend school. Any contact suffering from a cough, cold, chill or red eyes should be immediately excluded.
GERMAN MEASLES	5-21	0-2	7 days from the appearance of the rash.	None.
WHOOPING COUGH	6-18	-	28 days from the beginning of the characteristic cough.	Children under 7 years who have not had the disease should be excluded for 21 days from the date of onset of the disease in the last case in the house.
CHICKEN-POX	11-21	0-2	7 days from the date of appearance of the rash.	None.
MUMPS	12-28	-	7 days from the subsidence of the swelling.	None.
CONJUNCTIVITIS (INCLUDING PINK EYE)	1-3	-	To be excluded until certified as fit to attend.	None.
RINGWORM OF THE BODY (Including ATHLETE'S FOOT)	If the infected area can be kept covered the patient need not be excluded. He should not, however, take part in swimming - nor in the case of ringworm of the feet - in gymnastic classes or bare-foot dancing.			





SCHEDULE OF VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION PROCEDURES

Age	Prophylactic	Interval	Notes
During the first year of life	Diph/Tet/Pert. and oral Polio vaccine (First dose) Diph/Tet/Pert. and oral Polio vaccine. (Second dose) Diph/Tet/Pert. and oral Polio vaccine. (Third dose)	Preferably after an interval of 6-8 weeks Preferably after an interval of 6 months	The earliest age at which the first dose should be given is 3 months, but a better general immunological response can be expected if the first dose is delayed to 6 months of age
During the second year of life	Measles vaccination  Smallpox vaccination	After an interval of not less than 3-4 weeks	In individual cases and if special circumstances call for it, vaccination against smallpox may be carried out
At 5 years of age or school entry	Diph/Tet and oral Polio vaccine or Diph/Tet/Polio vaccine		These may be given, if desired, at 3 years of age to children entering nursery schools, attending day nurseries or living in children's homes
Between 10 and 13 years of age	B.C.G. vaccine		For tuberculin-negative children
At 15-19 years of age or on leaving school	Polio vaccine (Oral or inactivated) Tetanus toxoid		



PROTECTIVE INOCULATIONS

Relevant figures for 1970 for the following protective inoculations - Diphtheria, Whooping cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis, including Smallpox vaccination - are not now available from the Local Health Authority owing to "computerisation".

Vaccination against Rubella (German Measles)

The Secretary of State gave formal approval to this new protective measure which will attract an item of service payment to General Practitioners. This protection will be offered to all girls between their 11th and 14th birthdays, for the present a priority will be given to all girls in their thirteenth year.

Adequate supplies of vaccine were made available to the Local Health Authority towards the end of September, 1970, and will be supplied free of charge until 31st March, 1971.

Smallpox

International certificates of vaccination against smallpox authenticated for travel abroad:-

		<u>Primary</u>	<u>Re-vaccinations</u>
1968	....	12	247
1969	....	30	326
1970	....	47	317

Travellers, in their own interests, should not proceed to smallpox areas without making certain that they have obtained a successful result to vaccination or re-vaccination.

International Certificate

Gamma globulin is often requested for intending travellers in whom smallpox vaccination is contra-indicated but who wish to obtain an International Certificate of Vaccination against Smallpox. It should be noted that smallpox vaccination in the presence of contra-indication is undesirable even with gamma globulin and that the International Regulations make allowances for persons in whom vaccination is contra-indicated.

Extract from Ministry Memorandum on Vaccination against Smallpox (Memo. 312/MED Revised 1962).

"38. It should be noted that vaccination is not obligatory if a medical contra-indication exists. The following is a quotation from the Official Records of the World Health Organisation 54, 56. 'If a vaccinator is of the opinion that vaccination is contra-indicated on medical grounds, he should provide the person with written reasons underlying that opinion, which the health authority of arrival may take into account. Decision on a claim for exemption from the requirement to be in possession of a certificate lies solely with the health authority of arrival' ".







GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH(A) PROVIDED BY THE EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH(i)(a) Ambulance Service

RYE Sub-station, Conduit Hill (Telephone Rye 3395) employs 6 men and has 2 ambulances (including 1 dual purpose vehicle for sitting cases) serving the parishes of

Beckley	Iden	Rye Foreign
Camber	Northiam	Rye Harbour
East Guldeford	Peasmarsh	Udimore
Ilkesham	Playden	Winchelsea Beach
		Winchelsea Town

in addition to the Borough of Rye.

(b) Hospital Car Service

The Hospital Car Service is provided by the joint organisations of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, the British Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance Brigade. The Area Transport Office for this district is at 73a London Road, Bexhill-on-Sea - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday (Telephone: 152). Emergency service at weekend through Ambulance Station.

(ii) Care of Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Children under School Age(iii) District Nurses (Midwives) and Health Visitors(iv) Home Help Service

This service is much appreciated and is of great assistance in avoiding hospitalisation and institutionalism, particularly for those elderly persons desirous of remaining in their own homes.

The Health Services and Public Health Act, 1968 now imposes a duty on the Local Health Authority (instead of a power) to provide or arrange a home help service adequate to the needs of the area.

(v) Infant Welfare Centre

The Infant Welfare Centre is held every Thursday at the County Clinic, Ferry Road, Rye.

(vi) Immunisation and Vaccination Service

A clinic is held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in every month at the County Clinic, Ferry Road, Rye.

B.C.G. vaccination sessions against tuberculosis are held at schools for children aged 13 years attended by an Assistant County Medical Officer.

(vii) Mental Health Service

Mental Health Officers maintain liaison with general practitioners and are available at the following addresses:-

MR. J. G. WILLIAMS, Maple End, Maple Walk, Cooden (Telephone Cooden 2469)

MR. H. C. BEECROFT, 22 Cavendish Avenue, St. Leonards-on-Sea (Telephone Hastings 6742)

MRS. R. V. LEE, 34 Sackville Road, Bexhill-on-Sea (Telephone Bexhill 981)

MR. M. G. FORD, 19 Ghyllside Estate, Northiam (Telephone Northiam 2311)

MR. A. R. BRANT, 13 West View, Hastings (Telephone Hastings 30930).

The Bexhill Area Office is at 54 Sea Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, and the officers meet there between 8.30 and 9.30 a.m. and the clerical staff stay until 5 p.m. (Telephone: Bexhill 7071).

The Mental Health Welfare Officer on duty outside office hours, i.e. after 5 p.m. can be contacted through Hellingly Hospital (Telephone: Hellingly 391).





GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH  
(Continued)

(viii) Registration of Nursing Homes (Nil in the Borough of Rye)

(ix) School Dental Service

(x) School Medical Service (\*routine medical examinations including the assessment of handicapped pupils)

\* Delegated duties to your Medical Officer of Health, who also acts as School Medical Officer.

(xi) Cervical Cytology

Application forms to attend clinics by appointment may be obtained at the Council Offices, Borough of Rye, Ferry Road, Rye, or from General Practitioners and Health Visitors.

(B) PROVIDED BY THE EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Homes for the Aged

Furze House, Flimwell, Ticehurst  
Grey Friars, Winchelsea

(C) HOSPITALS

The following are the main hospitals providing accommodation and treatment for residents in the Borough of Rye:-

Battle Hospital, Battle  
Memorial Hospital, Rye Foreign  
Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings (including V.D. Clinic)  
Mount Pleasant Isolation Hospital, Hastings  
St. Helen's Hospital, Hastings  
Fernbank Maternity Home, Hastings  
Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea  
Eversfield Chest Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea  
Hellingly Hospital, Hellingly  
Pembury Hospital, Pembury  
Hill House, Rye Foreign

Administered by the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board through their respective Hospital Management Committees.

Blood Transfusion Service

The National Blood Transfusion Service visits Rye periodically.

Stamped addressed leaflets for volunteer donors are available at this Council's offices.

(D) PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

The Public Health Laboratory Service is a free national laboratory service designed to assist all those concerned in the diagnosis, prevention and control of communicable diseases. The benefits are not limited by health authority, hospital region or other administrative boundary. These facilities are available to all doctors, both for the submission of specimens and for consultation.

Gamma globulin prepared from pooled plasma from normal healthy adults (Human normal immunoglobulin) by the Lister Institute for the Ministry of Health, is distributed to doctors in England and Wales mainly through Laboratories of the Public Health Service. Requests for supplies, which are restricted, should be made to the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Eastern Road, Brighton BN2 5BE. Telephone Brighton 63506. For other sources of supply, and for categories of patient for whom gamma globulin is available, see below.

Rubella, Pregnancy and Gamma Globulin

1. A sample of clotted blood from the mother, in a plain tube, will be requested by the laboratory as soon as possible after the mother's exposure to infection during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, except when it has already been established by laboratory tests that the mother has previously had rubella. It is important that the request form should give date or dates on which exposure to infection, is thought to have occurred.





GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH(D) PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE (Continued)

2. The antibody status of the mother will be determined in the laboratory and assessed in relation to the date of exposure. In a high proportion of cases it will be shown that owing to previous infection the mother is immune to rubella. She can then be reassured with regard to the present and future pregnancies. In borderline cases and when no rubella antibodies are found in the mother, a second sample of serum will be asked for by the laboratory. Antibody tests on the second serum, read in conjunction with the first, will show whether or not the mother became infected (subclinically) as a result of the recent exposure to infection.
3. Since it has been shown that gamma globulin does not protect against subclinical rubella, gamma globulin is now seldom given in this context.

Infective Hepatitis and Gamma Globulin

Gamma globulin confers a degree of protection against Infective Hepatitis when given within two weeks of exposure to infection. Current supplies of gamma globulin are insufficient for the protection of all contacts of Infective Hepatitis but it is available in special circumstances. These include contacts debilitated by serious disease, contacts in artificial kidney units and outbreaks in hospital and laboratory staffs. Gamma globulin may also be issued, on request, to doctors for the passive immunisation of travellers intending to proceed to endemic areas outside Europe and North America. It should be given shortly before the traveller leaves Great Britain. No dose may be issued for despatch to a patient abroad. Travellers for whom it is issued must be British Nationals. If a traveller is a National Health Service patient there is no charge. For private patients there is a charge of £1.15.0d (£1.75) per 500 mg. recommended dose, which should be collected by the patient's doctor who will subsequently be invoiced by the Department of Health and Social Security.

Dosage:	Under 11 years	..	..	..	250 mg.
	11 years or more	.	..	..	500 mg.

Measles and Gamma Globulin

Available for contacts under 2 years of age or at special risk e.g. debilitated children with no previous history of measles.

Dosage:	1. Attenuation.	All ages	..	..	..	250 mg.
	2. Prevention.	Under 1 year	..	..	..	250 mg.
		1-2 years	..	..	..	500 mg.
		3 years and over	..	..	..	750 mg.

When measles vaccine is given to children suffering from chronic diseases of the heart and lungs it may be desirable to modify the possible reaction to the vaccine. This is achieved by simultaneous administration into the opposite limb of 0.6 mg. gamma globulin per lb. of body weight. This dosage should not be exceeded. Gamma globulin in this diluted form is not available from the Public Health Laboratory but can be obtained from the County Health Department, East Sussex County Council, Lewes, in ampoules containing 15 mg. of immunoglobulin in 0.5 ml. of diluent..

Hypogammaglobulinaemia and Gamma Globulin

This is the second of two categories for which gamma globulin is not normally issued by the Public Health Laboratory Service. Application should be made to:-

Dr. G. L. Asherson, Clinical Research Centre,  
Northwich Park Hospital, Watford Road,  
HARROW HA1 3UJ Tel: 01-864 5311.

Anti-vaccinial Gamma Globulin

Obtainable from the Epidemiological Research Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, London N.W. 9. Tel: 01-205 7041.





GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH(D) PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE (Continued)1. Smallpox Vaccination in the presence of Contra-indications

Patients with eczema, leukaemia, hypogammaglobulinaemia; or on cortico-steroid or immuno-suppressive therapy; or adults with a marked allergic diathesis; or old and infirm adults.

The gamma globulin should be given into a different site from the vaccine - preferably the buttock.

Dosage:	Patient under 1 year	..	..	..	0.5 g immediately
	Patient 1 - 6 years	..	..	..	1.0 g immediately
	Patient 7 - 14 years	..	..	..	1.5 g immediately
	Patient 15 years or more	..	..	..	2.0 g immediately

2. Previously Unvaccinated Contacts of Cases of Smallpox

In conjunction with vaccination, anti-vaccinial gamma globulin given on or about the 10th day after exposure to smallpox may offer additional protection to contacts who have never previously been vaccinated or who have not been vaccinated for many years.

Dosage:	Patient under 1 year	..	..	..	0.5 g.
	Patient 1 - 6 years	..	..	..	1.0 g.
	Patient 7 years or more	..	..	..	1.5 g.

3. Generalized Vaccinia, Chronic Progressive Vaccinia, Eczema Vaccination

Dosage:	Patient under 1 year	..	..	0.5 g immediately)	Repeat dose
	Patient 1 - 6 years	..	..	1.0 g immediately)	2 days later
	Patient 7 - 14 years	..	..	1.5 g immediately)	if not
	Patient 15 years or more	..	..	2.0 g immediately)	improving

4. Vaccinial Lesions of the Eye

Dosage: As in 3 above but include half-hourly local instillation of 1% solution in sterile saline.

(To make the dilution required, add the volume in the ampoule to ten times the amount of sterile saline).

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Anti-vaccinial gamma globulin is of no known value in the treatment of post-vaccinial encephalitis.

In 3 and 4 above, because of the possibility of other viruses, e.g. herpes simplex may be the agent responsible, it is as well to obtain laboratory confirmation of the diagnosis.

Special Gamma Globulins

Obtainable from the Epidemiological Research Laboratory, as above, though in very short supply.

Convalescent Chickenpox Gamma Globulin

For chickenpox contacts where serious risk exists, e.g. a sickly infant, new-born in fact in contact with an infected mother, non-immune patient suffering from leukaemia, and patients undergoing cortico-steroid or immuno-suppressive therapy, or, again, with hypogammaglobulinaemia.

Dosage:	Under 1 year	..	..	..	0.5 g.
	1 - 6 years	..	..	..	1.0 g.
	7 years or more	..	..	..	1.5 g.

Convalescent Mumps Gamma Globulin

For cases where serious risk exists, e.g. non-immune sick contact, leukaemia, or when undergoing cortico-steroid or immuno-suppressive therapy.

Dosage: As for Convalescent Chickenpox Gamma Globulin - see above.

Other Sources of Normal Gamma Globulin

Doctors wishing to obtain gamma globulin for patients ineligible for gamma globulin on the National Health Service may purchase it privately from:-

/Kabi Pharmaceuticals Ltd.





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Kabi Pharmaceuticals Ltd.,  
Bilton House, Uxbridge Road,  
EALING W5 LTH Tel: 01-567 4717

The cost (November, 1970) is £1.13.0d (£1.65) per ampoule containing 320 mg. (2 ml. of 16%).

Vaccines and other Immunological Materials Obtainable from the Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale, London

Typhus, Rabies and Anthrax vaccines.

Frei antigen for Lymphogranuloma inguinale, Trichina antigen for Trichinosis, Hydatid antigen for Hydatid disease and cat-scratch fever antigen.

Enquiries relating to fungal antigens should be addressed to the Public Health Laboratory Service, Mycological Reference Laboratory, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT Tel: 01-636 8636.

I am greatly indebted to Doctor J. E. Jameson, Director of the Public Health Laboratory Service, Brighton, for this up-to-date information.

(E) NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948(i) Section 47: Removal to suitable Premises of Persons in Need of Care and Attention

Fortunately, I have been able to avoid using this Section during 1970.

(ii) Section 50: Burial or Cremation of the Dead

No action was necessary.

(F) HOME PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICE

The Home Physiotherapy Service provides qualified physiotherapists with completely equipped vans for the treatment of the incapacitated.

This charitable service, mainly concerned with the elderly, is complementary to the National Health Service hospital physiotherapy department. It provides treatment for those persons who, in the opinion of their hospital consultants or general practitioners, would derive more benefit from domiciliary attention but who cannot afford the services of a private physiotherapist.

(G) NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN

Telephone Hastings 1848.

(H) FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Designed to advise married people on the spacing and limitation of families, including involuntary sterility and minor gynaecological ailments.

Clinics are held as follows:-

Arthur Blackman Clinic,  
London Road,  
St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Every Tuesday, 2.15 to 3.45 p.m.  
First and third Wednesdays in  
month 6 to 7.30 p.m.  
Telephone: Hastings 51225

The Clinic,  
The Avenue,  
Eastbourne.

Every Monday, 2.30 to 4.0 p.m.  
By appointment only  
Every Thursday, 2.30 to 4.0 p.m.  
and 5.30 to 7.0 p.m.  
Telephone: Eastbourne 26788  
between 9.0 and 10.0 a.m.





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Kent and Sussex Hospital, Every Thursday, 2.0 to 3.15 p.m.  
 Outpatients Department, and 6.0 to 7.30 p.m.  
 Tunbridge Wells, Kent. By appointment only  
 Telephone: Tunbridge Wells  
 0892-20853

East Sussex and County Clinic, Monday, 6.30 to 8.0 p.m.  
 London Road, By appointment only  
 Bexhill-on-Sea. Telephone: Cooden 3517  
 after 1.0 p.m.

The Family Planning Act, 1967, gives the Local Authority a general power to arrange for the giving of advice on contraception; to examine those seeking such advice and to supply contraceptive substances and appliances. The significance of the Act is that it extends existing powers by recognising need on social as well as medical grounds. Charges may be made in non-medical cases if the person can afford it.

(I) MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCILS

Problems related to marital relationships.

Marriage Guidance Council Appointments Secretary, Telephone:  
 Bexhill 3380.

The Catholic Marriage Advisory Council, 84 Queen's Road,  
 Brighton BN1 3XE (Telephone: Brighton 0273-25261) serves Roman  
 Catholics and others who may wish to make use of its services.

(J) EASTERN CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

This Committee is composed of representatives from National,  
 Local Government and voluntary bodies, covering the Local Authority  
 areas of the Boroughs of Rye and Bexhill and the Rural Districts of  
 Battle and Hailsham, by arrangement with the Children's Department,  
 East Sussex County Council.

It is concerned with the care of children in families where  
 conditions may be adverse.

Your Medical Officer of Health is a member of this Committee  
 which meets at Bexhill Town Hall.

(K) RYE AND DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY

The Rye and District Council for the Welfare of the Elderly  
 includes the Borough of Rye extending to Winchelsea, Winchelsea Beach,  
 Rye Harbour, Camber, Playden, East Guldeford, Iden, Peasmarsch, Udimore,  
 Rye Foreign, with representatives in each of these parishes.

They endeavour to co-ordinate all the voluntary agencies  
 connected with the welfare of the elderly in those areas which include  
 Women's Royal Voluntary Service, Toc H, Inner Wheel, B.P. Guild, Rotary,  
 Rye Boy Scouts and the voluntary projects of the Thomas Peacocke School  
 pupils as organised by the Headmaster.

Herewith short list of services offered by this organisation:-

- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. Emergency Hospital<br>Visiting Service | 7. Home Decorating             |
| 2. Chiropody Service                      | 8. Shopping                    |
| 3. Gardening                              | 9. Wood Chopping (Kindling)    |
| 4. Visiting                               | 10. Help with filling in forms |
| 5. Mending                                | 11. Snow Clearance             |
| 6. Small home repairs                     |                                |

Further information may be obtained from the Health Visitors  
 of the Borough.

/ (L) WORK CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY



GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH

(L) WORK CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, RYE

Opened in October, 1968, now well established and latterly self-supporting with the generous help of the Rye Rotary Club, providing a stimulating and satisfying outside interest.

About 12 - 15 elderly citizens attend each morning from 9.45 to 11.45 in a room kindly provided by the St. John Ambulance Association at their Rye Headquarters.

It is a continuing tribute to those voluntary workers behind the scenes that this much appreciated venture has proved to be such a valuable and happy social amenity.

More publicity would appear to be indicated in order to arouse the interest of others who would benefit.

(M) MEALS-ON-WHEELS

The Women's Royal Voluntary Service supplied 2,511 meals (of which 2,119 ranked for subsidy) to the elderly in the Borough of Rye during 1970.

The basic charge to recipients was 1/9d. per meal, the cost price being 2/6d. A subsidy of 1/- per meal was granted by this Local Authority.

Transport is subsidised by the Welfare Department of the East Sussex County Council.

These meals are an insurance against malnutrition, subsequent hospitalisation and institutionalism.





FOOD HYGIENE

The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1970, are intended to amplify and strengthen the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, and in so doing reduce the dangers of food poisoning.

They relate to the construction and hygiene of the premises used for the preparation and sale of human food and to the cleanliness of those who work there, specifying the temperatures at which certain food should be stored, forbidding the sale of pet food in a shop where human food is sold unless it is in a sealed container and extending existing regulations in shops to farms where human food is stored or sold.

It falls to the lot of the Public Health Inspector to visit all food purveyors in their areas and make them aware of their responsibilities to the public they serve.

This is a most exacting task when one considers the variations in the mental make-up of those engaged in this trade and requires a superfluity of tact, discretion and good humour in the Public Health Inspectors armament, in order to ensure a measure of success in this vital aspect of health education. It is only by frequent and regular unhurried visiting that this responsibility can be shared.

	1967	1968	1969	1970
Total number of food premises in the Borough	103	103	101	102
Number fully inspected .. .. .	96	100	101	92
Number of informal notices served .. ..	6	9	25	27
Notices complied with by the end of the year	6	9	25	27





FOOD HYGIENEShops classified according to their main trades:-

Grocers and General Provisions	..	..	..	..	15
Butchers	..	..	..	..	5
Fishmongers	..	..	..	..	3
Greengrocers	..	..	..	..	4
Confectionery and sweets	..	..	..	..	5
Cafes with cake shops	..	..	..	..	7
Shops selling milk	..	..	..	..	13
<u>Bakehouses</u>	..	..	..	..	4
<u>Licensed premises (hotels and inns)</u>	..	..	..	..	18
<u>Hotels, Guest Houses and Cafes</u>	..	..	..	..	19
Canteens (Industrial, etc)	..	..	..	..	5
<u>Schools:</u>					
Infants	..	..	..	..	1
Primary	..	..	..	..	1
Comprehensive	..	..	..	..	1
Private	..	..	..	..	1
					<u>102</u>

Ice Cream

There are 35 premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the sale of ice cream, which is all sold pre-packed.

Inspections of Registered Food Premises

There were 401 inspections of registered food premises during 1970

GAME ACT, 1831

Two persons were licensed to deal in Game during the year 1970.

THE CENTRAL ABATTOIR, JUNCTION ROAD, ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA

This is jointly owned and administered by the Borough of Rye and three neighbouring Authorities (Hastings County Borough, the Borough of Bexhill and Battle Rural District Council).

Average weekly throughput:-

Financial year ending 31.3.1970	Financial year ending 31.3.1971
570 units	446 units

EXAMINATION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

The following food was inspected during the year and certified as unfit for human consumption:-

	Stones	lbs	Ozs
Fresh Meat	6	2	0
Canned Meat	12	8	0
Canned Fruit	23	0	0
Canned Fish	7	2	1



FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955BRUCELLOSIS

The Brucellosis (Accredited Herds) Scheme came into being in April, 1970. This had the effect of attracting those herds who had a good history and were potentially disease free.

A further appeal had to be made to the remaining majority of farmers if progress in eradication was to make the necessary headway.

In July, 1970, a new voluntary Brucellosis Incentive Scheme was introduced replacing the former "accredited scheme".

Almost all those farmers with "accredited" herds opted to transfer to the new scheme and now receive extra payment for their milk.

In 1972-1973 some areas will become "compulsory eradication areas". East Sussex is considered to be in a "potential eradication zone" so "compulsory eradication" is likely to be deferred.

In East Sussex over 15% of all herds are participating and progress is considered to be encouraging.

This is a good start but much remains to be done if this costly disease is to be eradicated.

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

(i)	Number of samples of raw milk examined	..	..	..	4
(ii)	Number of positive samples found	..	..	..	Nil
(iii)	Action was taken in respect of positive samples	..	..	..	Nil

All were satisfactory for penicillin content and negative for M. Tuberculosis.

WATER SUPPLY

Hastings Corporation Water Undertaking supplies main water to the Borough of Rye.

All water is treated and chlorinated; a high standard of purity and adequate quantity was maintained throughout the year.

Bacteriological reports on the treated water were made available to this Authority, all of which were satisfactory.

Plumbo-solvency

None of the water supplied to this Borough is plumbo-solvent.

Fluoride content

The fluoride content was found to be 0.1 parts per million, falling far below the optimum level of 1 p.p.m. which is advised by leading authorities as being necessary to prevent the decay of teeth in young children.





DUNGENESS NUCLEAR POWER STATION

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

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Reports were received at regular intervals covering the period from January to December, 1970.

The following comments were extracted:-

The levels of radioactivity in fish and shellfish and gamma radiation dose rates on the beach are not significantly different from the already very low levels found previously. These are due to background radioactivity and not to the operation of the station.

The levels of strontium 90 in the milk sampled in the two zones were all substantially the same as those which are found in comparable parts of the country where there are no nuclear power stations.

The Departments responsible for controlling discharges of radioactive waste and direct radiation from the station consider that the position shown in this report is satisfactory.



SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The clearing of sludge beds and disposal of sludge continued to present problems.

A consistently high quality effluent was produced during the year.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Continued excavation of the tipping area was necessary in order to accommodate the increased loads of refuse.

The high standard of this service has been successfully maintained throughout the year and is much appreciated.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967

The Council provides a free disposal service for old motor cars and three vehicles were disposed of during 1970.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Toilets with wash-hand basins are provided by this Council at:-

Lucknow Place

Tower Street

The Strand

Station Approach

Toilets at The Gun Garden still lack washing facilities.





ACTION UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS1. Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year

(i)	(a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts) .. .. .	16
	(b)	Number of Inspections made for this purpose ..	57
(ii)	(a)	Number of dwellings (included under subhead (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1926 and 1932 .. .. .	Nil
	(b)	Number of inspections made for this purpose ..	Nil
(iii)		Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .. ..	Nil
(iv)		Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .. .. .	Nil

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notice

	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers .. ..	3
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year(A) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 & 12 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

(i)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .. ..	Nil
(ii)	Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices:-	
	(a) By owners .. .. .	Nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..	Nil
(iii)	Number of dwellinghouses acquired and subsequently rendered fit by the Local Authority ..	Nil

(B) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:-

(i)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .. .. .	Nil
(ii)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices:-	
	(a) By owners .. .. .	Nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..	Nil

(C) Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

(i)	Number of representations, etc., made in respect of dwellinghouses unfit for habitation ..	Nil
(ii)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .. .. .	Nil
(iii)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .. .. .	Nil
(iv)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which undertakings were accepted from owners:-	
	(a) to render the house fit for habitation ..	Nil
	(b) usage other than for human habitation ..	Nil
(v)	Closing Orders under the Housing Act, 1957 ..	Nil
(vi)	Number of dwellinghouses dealt with under the Housing Act, 1957, Section 17(3) .. .. .	Nil

/(D) Proceedings under Section 18  
of the Housing Act, 1957



HOUSING UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS  
(Continued)

(D) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957 Nil

HOUSING: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND PRIVATE

New Dwellings

New dwellings erected during 1970:-

(a) By the Council .. .. .	Nil
(b) By private enterprise .. .. .	29

Private enterprise dwellings in course of erection at 31st December, 1970 ..	13
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Accommodation under the letting control of the Council  
as at 31st December, 1970:-

Assisted Schemes - Pre-war houses .. .. .	115
Assisted Schemes - Post-war houses and flats .. .. .	442
Expired leases - Pre-1914 houses .. .. .	<u>23</u>
	<u>580</u>

Applicants on Council's Housing List as at 31st December, 1970 .. .. .	187
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Applicants on Council's Housing List for Elderly Persons' dwellings .. .. .	29
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COMPARATIVE TABLE - PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY

	Private Enterprise		Local Authority
	New dwellings	Conversions	New dwellings
1960	2	-	-
1961	2	2	-
1962	2	-	38
1963	1	2	-
1964	7	-	-
1965	9	1	9
1966	12	2	51
1967	47	-	-
1968	12	4	-
1969	36	2	22
1970	29	-	-

HOUSING ACT, 1969

<u>Discretionary Grants</u>	<u>Number of dwellings</u>
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Applications received in 1970 .. .. .	5
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* Applications approved in 1970 (all owner/occupied) .. .. .	5
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Total amount of grant paid in 1970 for the completion of 4 dwellings .. .. .	£2,607
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Standard Grants

Applications received in 1970 .. .. .	11
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Applications approved in 1970 .. .. .	11
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Total amount of Standard grants approved in 1970 .. .. .	£1,599
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11 properties were provided with the following amenities at a total cost of £1,750:-

Fixed baths or showers .. .. .	9
Wash-hand basins .. .. .	8
Sinks .. .. .	5
Hot water systems .. .. .	11
Water closets .. .. .	7

\* It will be appreciated that the number of applications approved in 1970 is not necessarily the number received or completed in that same year.





VISITS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR DURING 1970

Council houses - defects remedied	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,174
Private houses re defects	..	..	..	..	..	..	37
Food premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	401
Streams and ditches	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Infectious diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Insects and pests	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Smoke and fume nuisances	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	12

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

This Act makes provision for the health, welfare and safety of persons employed in offices, shops and certain railway premises.

At the end of 1970 the numbers of premises registered under this Act were:-

Offices	..	..	..	32
Retail shops	..	..	..	70
Warehouses, wholesale shops	..	..	..	7
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	..	..	..	9
Fuel storage depots	..	..	..	Nil



FACTORIES ACT, 1961Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	14	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	43	19	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Totals	52	33	-	-

Particulars	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Number Cases in Which Prosecutions Were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	3	3	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3	3	-	-	-

(Outwork Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel:						
Making, etc. -	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning & washing -	-	-	-	-	-	-





INDUSTRIES

The numbers engaged in the main industries located in the Borough are given below:-

	As at 31st December, 1970			As at 31st December, 1969 Total
	Male	Female	Total	
Aerated water manufacturers .. ..	6	3	9	9
Bedding makers .. .. .	3	-	3	4
Builders .. .. .	79	2	81	78
Catering and bakeries .. .. .	10	55	65	59
Cinema .. .. .	4	5	9	9
Coal merchants .. .. .	8	1	9	10
Corn chandlers .. .. .	9	1	10	10
Dairymen .. .. .	12	3	15	26
Engineering works .. .. .	253	61	314	279
Furniture removers .. .. .	6	2	8	8
Hotels .. .. .	29	42	71	74
Laundries .. .. .	14	38	52	52
Pottery works .. .. .	9	30	39	33
Printing works .. .. .	11	15	26	26
Ship repairing .. .. .	12	-	12	12
Toy manufacturers .. .. .	12	65	77	78
Transport undertakings .. .. .	114	6	120	86

Mass Miniature Radiography in Industry

A completely mobile, self-contained Mass X-ray Unit is available to visit any premises employing 100 persons or more in the East Sussex area. The only facility required is a parking site for two vehicles.

Over 100 people can be given free chest X-ray examinations in a period of one hour and, as there is no undressing, both men and women are X-rayed at the same session. Arrangements can be made either by telephone to Brighton 66017 or by letter to the Director, East Sussex Mass Radiography Unit, 26 Ditchling Road, Brighton BN1 4SF.

It is emphasised that the Mass X-ray Service is free and that no information is disclosed without the patient's consent.

Rye Market

The number of live stock sold in Rye Market are indicative of the activity on Market days and the importance of this venue to farmers for buying and selling in the Romney Marsh area:-

	1967	1968	1969	1970
Cattle ..	966	786	238	44
Sheep ..	45,460	43,694	43,508	42,144
Calves ..	381	388	330	243
Rams ..	346	237	181	203
Pigs ..	4,235	2,836	3,729	3,182

The Market is a focal point in the economic life of Rye and the surrounding farming area.

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	1967	1968	1969	1970
Vessels registered at the Port of Rye .. ..	51	56	62	68
Foreign ships bringing cargoes of timber ..	5	20	13	23
Coastal cargo arrivals .. .. .	2	7	10	11
Yachts from overseas (pleasure craft) using Rye berthing facilities .. .. .	146	125	168	167
Vessels engaged in fishing between Bexhill and Dungeness, which make use of facilities in Rye	115	122	122	122

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Number of properties inspected in 1970:-

(a) as a result of complaint .. ..	42
(b) by survey .. .. .	8

Number of properties found to be infested  
by rats or mice .. .. . 25

Number of properties treated by Local  
Authority .. .. 30

Number of visits by Rodent Operative .. 172

The Council employ a contractor for all major infestation and preventive measures. Minor complaints are referred to our own part-time operator.

METEOROLOGYRAINFALL FIGURES TAKEN IN RYE

Year	Number of days on which rain fell	Longest period of drought	Periods of drought
1961	97	30 days	3rd March-1st April inclusive
1962	104	15 days	11th-25th March inclusive
		20 days	5th-24th October inclusive
1963	176	Nil	Nil
1964	89	25 days	1st-25th January inclusive
1965	140	16 days	16th-31st October inclusive
1966	158	17 days	4th-20th January inclusive
		16 days	26th May-10th June inclusive
1967	141	15 days	29th June-13th July inclusive
1968	138	Nil	Nil
1969	136	17 days	11th-28th July inclusive
1970	157	24 days	31st May-23rd June inclusive

The definition of Drought is 15 days without rain.

Comparison with previous years is given in the following table:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Rainfall</u>
1961 .. .. .	26.19 inches
1962 .. .. .	24.46 inches
1963 .. .. .	28.91 inches
1964 .. .. .	26.95 inches
1965 .. .. .	32.94 inches
1966 .. .. .	36.87 inches
1967 .. .. .	32.35 inches
1968 .. .. .	27.85 inches
1969 .. .. .	29.67 inches
1970 .. .. .	29.59 inches







